

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bernd Fischer et al.

Serial No.: 10/031,217

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING FLAT
ARTICLES FROM RENEWABLE
RAW MATERIALS

Examiner: Sellers, Robert E.

Art Unit: 1712

Docket No.: D078 1160.1

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated December 1, 2003, wherein the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and § 372, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-16 drawn to a method for producing a flat article.

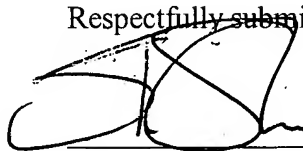
Additionally, Applicants provisionally elect the following under the species restriction:

epoxidized linseed oil for the epoxidized carboxylic acid ester, maleic acid for the cross-linking agent, and thermal curing for the mode of curing. Applicants hereby make these provisional

elections with traverse for the previous reasons stated in Applicants' reply dated November 7, 2003.

12/30/03
Date

Respectfully submitted,



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